

## DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES/LEARNING (Internet, Social Media & Digital Devices)

### **RATIONALE:**

Findon Primary School understands that safe and appropriate use of digital technologies, including the internet, apps, computers and tablets, provides students with rich opportunities to support learning and development in a variety of ways.

Through increased access to digital technologies, students can benefit from enhanced learning that is interactive, collaborative, personalised and engaging. Digital technologies enable our students to interact with and create high quality content, resources and tools. It also enables personalised learning tailored to students' particular needs and interests, and transforms assessment, reporting and feedback, driving new forms of collaboration and communication.

Findon Primary School believes that the use of digital technologies at school allows the development of valuable skills and knowledge, and prepares students to thrive in our globalised and inter connected world. Our school's vision is to empower students to use digital technologies safely and appropriately to reach their personal best and fully equip them to contribute positively to society as happy, healthy and informed young adults.

This policy applies to all students at Findon Primary School. Staff use of technology is governed by the Department of Education (DE) *Acceptable Use Policy*.

### **AIMS:**

To ensure that all students and members of our school community understand:

- our commitment to providing students with the opportunity to benefit from digital technologies to support and enhance learning and development at school, including our 1:1 personal device program
- the expected student behaviour when using digital technologies including the internet, social media, and digital devices (including computers, laptops and tablets)
- the school's commitment to promoting safe, responsible and discerning use of digital technologies, and educating students on appropriate responses to any dangers or threats to wellbeing and safety that they may encounter when using the internet and digital technologies
- our school's policies and procedures for responding to inappropriate student behaviour on digital technologies and the internet
- the various DE policies on digital learning, including social media, that our school follows and implements when using digital technology
- our school prioritises the safety of students whilst they are using digital technologies

### **DEFINITIONS**

For the purpose of this policy, digital technologies are defined as being any digital devices, tools, applications, and systems that students and teachers use for learning and teaching; this includes Department-provided software and locally sourced devices, tools and systems which allow a user to access, receive, view, record, store, communicate, copy or send any information such as text, images, audio, or video. Information Communication Technologies is listed as ICT throughout this policy.

### **IMPLEMENTATION:**

Students will acquire skills to encourage them to think outside the square, seek answers to their own questions, collaborate, create and engage and become global citizens; ICT will be used in learning to deepen understanding of concepts, raise engagement levels and support personalised learning. We aim to offer the best ICT opportunities for all students. In Foundation to Year 2, students make use of shared iPads within the classroom to support their learning. Students in Year 3 to 6 have individually allocated netbooks that they make use of. There is a voluntary component in the Parent Payment for

2023 that contributes towards our netbook program. All staff make use of the screen for teaching and learning purposes. Teachers across F-6 use ICT for the purposes of teaching, learning and assessment.

School owned iPads and netbooks are charged each night and locked up securely. The maintenance of the ICT in the school is supported by our technician and DE support technician.

### **1:1 Netbook Program at Findon Primary School**

See Appendix A

#### **Safe and appropriate use of digital technologies**

Digital technology, if not used appropriately, may present risks to users' safety or wellbeing. At Findon Primary School, we are committed to educating all students to be safe, responsible and discerning in the use of digital technologies, equipping them with skills and knowledge to navigate the digital age.

As a school we:

- use online sites and digital tools that support students' learning, and focus our use of digital technologies on being learner centred
- restrict the use of digital technologies in the classroom to specific uses with targeted educational or developmental aims
- supervise and support students using digital technologies in the classroom
- effectively and responsively address any issues or incidents that have the potential to impact on the wellbeing and safety of our students
- have programs in place to educate our students to be promoting safe, responsible and discerning use of digital technologies, including School Wide Positive Behaviour (SWPBS)
- educate our students about digital issues such as online privacy, intellectual property and copyright, and the importance of maintaining their own privacy and the privacy of others online
- have an Acceptable Use Agreement (Appendix B) explicitly outlining the expectations of students when using digital technology at school, which is signed by students and parents/caregivers at the beginning of each year
- have a Breach of ICT Acceptable Use Contract (Appendix C) for students who breach the Acceptable Use Agreement and follow process for tracking breaches, with families and the school working together to manage ICT breaches
- use clear protocols and procedures to protect students working in online spaces, which includes reviewing the safety and appropriateness of online tools and communities, removing offensive content at the earliest opportunity
- educate our students on appropriate responses to any dangers or threats to wellbeing or safety that they may encounter when using the internet and other digital technologies
- provide a filtered internet service to block access to inappropriate content and a tiered access to administration in relation to ICT. Parents/Caregivers should be aware that the nature of the internet means full protection from inappropriate content can never be guaranteed
- refer suspected illegal online acts to the relevant law enforcement authority for investigation
- support parents/caregivers to understand safe and responsible use of digital technologies and the strategies that can be implemented at home through updates in our newsletter, information sheets, our school website and Compass.

Distribution and use of digital devices to students at school will only be permitted where students and their parents/caregivers have completed a signed Acceptable Use Agreement.

It is the responsibility of all students to protect their own password and not divulge it to another person. If a student or staff member knows or suspects an account has been used by another person, the account holder must notify the classroom teacher immediately.

All messages created, sent or retrieved on the school's network are the property of the school. The school reserves the right to access and monitor all messages and files on the computer system, as necessary and deemed appropriate. Communications including text and images may be required to be disclosed to law enforcement and other third parties without the consent of the sender.

## **Student Behavioural Expectations**

When using digital technologies, students are expected to behave in a way that is consistent with Findon Primary School's *Statement of Values, Student Wellbeing, Engagement and Inclusion* policy, and *Bullying Prevention* policy. Using the internet at school is a privilege, not a right, for staff and students.

When a student acts in breach of the behaviour standards of our school community, Findon PS will institute a staged response, consistent with our policies and the Department's *Student Engagement Policy*. Staff dealing with potential breaches will act immediately in line with our *Breach of Contract Agreement*.

Breaches of this policy by students can result in a number of consequences which will depend on the severity of the breach and the context of the situation. This includes:

- removal of network access privileges
- removal of internet access privileges
- confiscation of device
- other consequences as outlined in the school's *Breach of Contract Document*

Parents/Caregivers will be notified of any breaches that occur.

## **ICT Security**

ICT Security is fundamental to maintaining the integrity of computer security at Findon Primary School. Outlined are best practices and procedures for day to day security operations.

We aim to increase understanding of security requirements when using the DE computer facilities and services, including leased netbooks, as computer networks are intrinsically vulnerable to a spectrum of unprecedented threats. We aim to minimise the range of ICT threats and reduce the risks to which Findon Primary School is exposed and increase levels of:

- Confidentiality - protecting sensitive information from unauthorised disclosure
- Integrity - safeguarding the accuracy and ownership of information and computer software
- Consistency - have agreed upon expectations of safe use of the internet
- Availability - ensuring that information and vital services are available to users when required and show respect for other ICT users.

### Loss:

Loss of confidentiality, integrity and availability of information can occur for a number of reasons:

- Hardware and equipment failure, its storage devices, or the network
- Software errors
- Accidents, errors, or omissions by anyone using computers, or the information they process
- Intentional acts, such as fraud, theft, sabotage and misuse of information by suppliers, or curious or malicious hackers
- Environmental hazards, such as fire, storm, dust.

### School Responsibilities:

- To ensure policies are consistent with and up to date with DET security policies.
- Programs and procedures are put in place to prevent the introduction of viruses and malicious software.
- Information on our network and shared drives is password protected
- The allocation of privileges on our network is controlled. There are several tiers of privilege rights, for all users, including students, parents/caregivers and staff. Staff have additional rights to access more content that can be used as a teaching tool.

### Individual Responsibilities:

- All users have a responsibility for information security. These responsibilities are described and documented in policies, procedures and job descriptions.
- All users have a unique identifying code to access the network.
- All users have a responsibility to prevent unauthorised access.
- All users must run DE approved antivirus software and set to automatically update.
- All users are strongly advised to back up their work regularly on the school network in their personal drive or on an external device in accordance with best practice, to ensure against loss or corruption of data. It is the user's responsibility as the school does not accept any responsibility for loss of data.

- Staff are advised to filter content shown to students prior to making it available to them through a projected screen or as part of a learning task. If by chance, unwanted pop up content comes up, screens must be minimised and the task aborted as required.
- All users immediately inform the Principal and the IT technician on becoming aware of any loss or compromise of information, or any other incident which has ICT security implications.
- Users should never log on using someone else's ID and password.
- It is recommended all users should not allow:
  1. DE computers (including desktops and notebooks) to be connected to open, unencrypted wireless networks at home or in public places.
  2. Use by unauthorised persons.
- All users should be aware that electronic communication is not secure. While every attempt is made to ensure the security of DE ICT systems, users must be aware that this security is not guaranteed, particularly when communicated to an external party.
- Staff, parents/caregivers and students should be familiar with this policy.

#### **EVALUATION:**

This policy shall be reviewed as part of the school's two year policy and process review.

#### **COMMUNICATION:**

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Referred to in staff induction processes and staff training
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

#### **REFERENCES:**

[Bullying Prevention Policy](#)

[Personal Mobile Device Policy](#)

[Photographing Filming and Recording Students Policy](#)

[Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy](#)

[Acceptable Use Policy](#)

Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner: [www.esafety.gov.au](http://www.esafety.gov.au)

DET Privacy Policy <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolicy.aspx>

Copyright Act 1968

Department of Education policies

- [Acceptable Use Policy for ICT Resources](#)
- [Cybersafety and Responsible Use of Digital Technologies](#)
- [Digital Learning in Schools](#)
- [Social Media Use to Support Student Learning](#)
- [Student Engagement Policy](#)

## Appendix A – Netbook Parent Booklet

<https://www.findonps.vic.edu.au/index.php/11-netbook-program/>

## Appendix B – ICT Acceptable Use



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Findon Primary uses the technology as a teaching and learning tool. Technology, for the purposes of this policy is defined as:

Digital information and communications tools including (but not limited to) netbook computers, desktop computers, cameras, recorders, mp3 players, mobile devices, gaming consoles, internal school networks and the internet.

We see technology as a valuable resource but acknowledge it must be used responsibly. Each student is required to agree to the terms stated below and without agreement will not be provided access to any computers or internet at school. Parents should be aware that the nature of the internet means that full protection from inappropriate content can never be guaranteed. However there is a process in place should something inappropriate occur. The internet provides students with unprecedented opportunities to obtain information and engage in discussion to increase skills, knowledge and abilities.

### Student Contract

When I use technology, both at school and at home I have responsibilities and rules to follow. I agree to:

- Never cyber bully - always support others by being respectful in how I talk with them online and never participate in online bullying (this includes forwarding messages and supporting others in hurtful online behaviour).
- Talk to my teacher or another adult if I see a friend being unsafe or being made to feel uncomfortable by others.
- Keep personal details private - never give other people's personal details, including full names, telephone numbers, addresses, photos, and passwords and login details.
- Keep personal details private - never give out my personal details, including full names, telephone numbers, addresses, photos, and passwords and login details.
- Talk to a teacher or another adult if someone asks me to provide information that I know is private.
- Seek permission from individuals involved prior to taking photos, recording sound or videoing them (including teachers) and publishing or sending photos, recorded sound or video to anyone else or to any online space.
- Be responsible whenever and wherever I use technology. This includes using technology for purposes specified by my teacher or parent at school and home.
- Not accessing or viewing inappropriate nude or offensive content (or if you willingly participate by viewing the content of others). This includes but is not limited to online messages.
- Block pop ups - any programs/media downloaded must have their settings adjusted so that they do not interfere with learning time (e.g. Skype, Discord & Steam).
- Respect other students work, equipment and files.
- Follow copyright laws and website terms at all times, for example not sharing music or videos or bring illegally downloaded software/media. Remember that the content on the web is someone's property and not cut and copy large portions of information and present it as my own work.
- Talk to my teacher or another adult if I need help online, or not sure what I should be doing.
- Talk to my teacher or another adult if I come across a website which is not suitable for school.
- Talk to a teacher or another adult if I believe that someone else is doing something inappropriate using technology.
- Take full responsibility for my personal technology - keep it stored safely in my bag. Findon recommends that precious items are not brought to school.
- Hand in all mobile phone devices to the office as soon as I get to school in the morning.
- Be responsible: Not use devices to find, create or send information that might be inappropriate or hurtful.
- Seek adult permission before uploading media to websites, blogs or other shared online spaces.
- Keep myself safe - I will keep myself safe in the internet by only communicating with people that I know.

I acknowledge and agree to follow these rules. I understand that I may not be able to access the internet and technology at school if I do not act responsibly.

This Acceptable Use Policy also applies to students during school excursions, camps and extra curricula activities. I acknowledge and agree to follow these rules. I understand that my access to the internet and technology at school will be renegotiated if I do not act responsibly.

Student Name: ..... Student Signature: ..... Class: ..... Date: .....

### Parent/Guardian Agreement:

I agree to:

- my child using the internet at school.
- my child's first name and initial published on Findon's website or on education websites.
- a photo or video of my child being published on Findon's website or on password protected education websites.
- my child's work being published on Findon's website or on password protected education websites.
- the school signing my child up to educational websites such as My360, Reading Eggs, Wonders, Seesaw or Google Classroom.
- acknowledging that the nature of the internet means that full protection from inappropriate content can never be guaranteed.
- I understand the school will provide adequate supervision and that steps have been taken to minimise risk of exposure to unsuitable material.
- I will contact the school or the Office of Children's eSafety Commissioner on 1800 880 176 if something concerns me.

Parent Name: ..... Parent Signature: ..... Date: .....

Anita Osavkovska  
 PRINCIPAL

## Appendix C- Breach of Acceptable Use Agreement Guidelines

### Breach of Findon's ICT Acceptable Use Tracking Documentation

Findon Primary uses the internet as a teaching and learning tool. We see the internet as a valuable resource but acknowledge it must be used responsibly. Each student has agreed to use the internet responsibly at school, by signing an acceptable use contract. Unfortunately, your child has broken the ICT contract for the reasons marked below.

Area	Tracking Code (Teacher use)	Expected Behaviours	Consequences		
			1st offence	2nd offence	Repeated offence
Cyberbullying	CB1	Never cyber bully - always support others by being respectful in how I talk with them online and never participate in online bullying (this includes forwarding messages and supporting others in hurtful online behaviour).	1 week	2 weeks	1 term
Cyberbullying	CB2	Talk to my teacher or another adult if I see a friend being unsafe or being made to feel uncomfortable by others.	discussion	2 days	1 week

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Privacy	P1	<b>Keep personal details private - never give other people's personal details</b> , including full names, telephone numbers, addresses, photos, and passwords and login details.	1 week	2 weeks	1 term
Privacy	P2	<b>Keep personal details private - never give out my personal details</b> , including full names, telephone numbers, addresses, photos, and passwords and login details.	2 days	1 week	1 term
Privacy	P3	Talk to a teacher or another adult if <b>someone asks me to provide information that I know is private</b> .	discussion	2 days	1 week
Responsible Use	R1	<b>Seek permission</b> from individuals involved <b>prior to taking photos, recording sound or videoing them</b> (including teachers) and publishing or sending photos, recorded sound or video to anyone else or to any online space.	1 week	2 weeks	1 term
Responsible Use	R2	<b>Be responsible</b> wherever and whenever I use technology. This includes <b>using technology for purposes specified</b> by my teacher, or parent, at school and home.	2 days	1 week	1 term
Responsible Use	R3	<b>Not accessing or sending inappropriate rude or offensive content</b> (or if you willingly participate by viewing the content of others). This includes but is not limited to online or chain messages.	1 week	2 weeks	1 term
Responsible Use	R4	<b>Block pop ups</b> - any programs/media downloaded must have their settings adjusted so that they do not interfere with learning time (e.g. but not limited to Skype & MSN).	2 days	1 week	2 weeks
Responsible Use	R5	<b>Respect other students work , equipment and files.</b>	1 week	2 weeks	1 term
Responsible Use	R6	Follow <b>copyright laws</b> and website terms at all times, for example not <b>sharing</b> music, videos or <b>illegally downloaded</b> software/media.	1 week	2 weeks	1 term
Responsible Use	R7	Remember that the content on the web is someone's property and not <b>cut and copy large portions of information and pretend it is my own work</b> .	1 Week	2 Weeks	1 term
Responsible Use	R8	<b>Talk to my teacher or another adult</b> if I need help online, or not sure what I should be doing.	discussion	2 days	1 week
Responsible Use	R9	Talk to my teacher or another adult if <b>I come across a website which is not suitable for school</b> .	1 day	2 days	1 week
Responsible Use	R10	Talk to a teacher or another adult if I believe that <b>someone else is doing something inappropriate</b> using technology.	1 day	3 days	1 week
Responsible Use	R11	Take <b>full responsibility for my personal technology</b> . Ensure that all digital devices are taken to the office upon arrival at school. Findon recommends that precious items are not brought to school.	discussion	2 days	1 week
Responsible Use	R12	<b>Not let digital devices interrupt my learning</b> . Ensure that all digital devices are taken to the office upon arrival at school.	1 day	call home	1 term
Responsible Use	R13	Be responsible. <b>Not use devices to find, create or send information that might be inappropriate or hurtful</b> .	1 week	2 weeks	1 term
Online Safety	OS1	Seek adult permission before <b>uploading media</b> to websites, blogs or other shared online spaces and only using sites recommended for my age group.	2 days	1 week	1 term
Online Safety	OS2	Keep myself safe - I will keep myself safe in the internet by <b>only communicating with people that I know</b> .	2 days	1 week	2 weeks

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Class:</b>	<b>Year Level:</b>
<b>Details of breach- student comments:</b>	<b>Details of breach- teacher comments:</b>

**Consequence in accordance in with breach guidelines:**

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Cyberbullying	Never cyber bully - always support others by being respectful in how I talk with them online and never <b>participate in online bullying</b> (this includes forwarding messages and supporting others in hurtful online behaviour).	
Cyberbullying	<b>Talk to my teacher</b> or another adult if I see a friend being unsafe or being made to feel uncomfortable by others.	
Privacy	<b>Keep personal details private - never give other people's personal details</b> , including full names, telephone numbers, addresses, photos, and passwords and login details.	
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Privacy	Talk to a teacher or another adult if <b>someone asks me to provide information that I know is private</b> .	
Responsible Use	<b>Seek permission</b> from individuals involved <b>prior to taking photos, recording sound or videoing them</b> (including teachers) and publishing or sending photos, recorded sound or video to anyone else or to any online space.	
Responsible Use	<b>Be responsible</b> wherever and whenever I use technology. This includes <b>using technology for purposes specified</b> by my teacher, or parent, at school and home.	
Responsible Use	<b>Not accessing or sending inappropriate rude or offensive content</b> (or if you willingly participate by viewing the content of others). This includes but is not limited to online or chain messages.	
Responsible Use	<b>Block pop ups</b> - any programs/media downloaded must have their settings adjusted so that they do not interfere with learning time (e.g. but not limited to Skype & MSN).	
Responsible Use	<b>Respect other students work, equipment and files.</b>	
Responsible Use	Follow <b>copyright laws</b> and website terms at all times, for example not <b>sharing</b> music, videos or <b>illegally downloaded</b> software/media.	
Responsible Use	Remember that the content on the web is someone's property and not <b>cut and copy large portions of information and pretend it is my own work</b> .	
Responsible Use	<b>Talk to my teacher or another adult</b> if I need help online, or not sure what I should be doing.	
Responsible Use	Talk to my teacher or another adult if I <b>come across a website which is not suitable for school</b> .	
Responsible Use	Take <b>full responsibility for my personal technology</b> . Ensure that all digital devices are taken to the office upon arrival at school. Findon recommends that precious items are not brought to school.	
Responsible Use	<b>Not let digital devices interrupt my learning</b> . Ensure that all digital devices are taken to the office upon arrival at school.	
Responsible Use	Be responsible. <b>Not use devices to find, create or send information that might be inappropriate or hurtful</b> .	
Online Safety	Seek adult permission before <b>uploading media</b> to websites, blogs or other shared online spaces and only using sites recommended for my age group.	
Online Safety	Keep myself safe - I will keep myself safe in the internet by <b>only communicating with people that I know</b> .	

Please send this letter back to school signed to acknowledge you've seen it and discussed it with your child.

Classroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature	Date:
Parent Signature (I have seen and discussed this with my child)	Date: